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Title: THIN, HIGH CAPACITY MULTI-LAYER
ABSORBENT CORE

FIRST INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In accordance with Rules 1.56 and 1.98, References AA-AL (Sheet 1 of 3) and References AA-AC (Sheet 2 of 3) listed on Form PTO-1449 are cited and discussed on Pages 2, 4, 10, 17, 25, 26 and 28 of the referenced patent application and are brought to the attention of the Examiner as being possibly material to examination of this application.

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The remaining references listed on Form PTO-1449 are also brought to the attention of the Examiner as being possibly material to examination of this application.

The following co-pending U.S. patent application is also brought to the attention of the Examiner as being possibly material to examination of the subject patent application:

Title: THIN, HIGH CAPACITY ABSORBENT
STRUCTURE AND METHOD FOR
PRODUCING SAME

Applicants: Lawrence Howell SAWYER et al.

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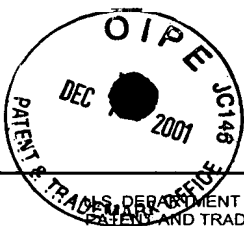
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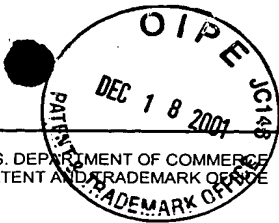
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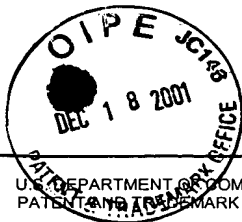
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